

What is the Access and Hearings Unit and what does it do?

The Access and Hearings Unit:

- The unit provides technical assistance and training to regions, HQ staff and local agencies for the Limited and Managed Access programs and issues.
- The unit reviews and maintains the:
 1. RAMPS data base
 2. Managed Access data base
 3. Master Plan for Limited Access Route listing
 4. Master Plan for Median Crossovers
- The unit is responsible for the review and approval of requests for breaks, changes to and the use of WSDOT limited Access right-of-way according to the requirements of CFR, RCW, WAC and WSDOT Design Manual.
- Review and revise WACs to conform to WSDOT policy and conduct WAC hearings.
- The unit is responsible for the review and approval of:
 1. Access Point Decision Reports and APDR team participation
 2. Access Reports
 3. Project Summaries
 4. Air Space Lease Requests (including those for Cellular/Telecommunication)
 5. Surplus Property Requests
 6. R/W and L/A Plan Revision Requests
 7. Utility Agreements
- Research is generally conducted for all the various requests.
- Review, revise and update Design Manual Chapters relating to access issues.
- Review other WSDOT manuals relating to Limited and Managed Access.

Access hearings are conducted for projects that involve changes to properties by WSDOT acquiring additional or establishing new limited access property rights.

- Coordinate Limited Access Hearings
- Coordinate Access Management Appeal Hearings.
- This office is responsible for Title VI compliance for the design office.
- The unit coordinates the dates with needed legal staff for the region projects.